

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, January 12, 2026**

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Lawrence City Council was held on **Monday, January 12, 2026**. The meeting was called to Order at approximately 6:40 p.m. by City Council President, Jeovanny Rodriguez. This public meeting of the Lawrence City Council was conducted in person at Lawrence City Hall, 200 Common Street and via remote participation. Members of the public who attended this meeting were allowed to make comments during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment.

He then asked the City Clerk, Eileen Bernal to call the roll:

Councilor Rosaly Gonzalez [District B] – Present
Councilor Franklin Miguel [District A] – Present
Councilor Vivian Marmol [District D] – Present
Councilor Stephany Infante [District E] – Present
Councilor Celina Reyes [Councilor at Large] – Absent
Councilor Gregory Delrosario [District C] – Absent
Councilor Marc Laplante [District F] – Present
Council Vice President, Ana Levy [Councilor at Large] – Present
Council President, Jeovanny Rodriguez [Councilor at Large] – Present
Present - 7. Quorum established.

NOTE: The Roll was called for Councilor Celina Reyes at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The City Council President stated that members of the Public who had signed in for Public Participation would be allotted two and a half minutes to speak. He noted that their comments should be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any individual member. Those participating were:

H. Maali, 53 Chester Street. Mr. Maali stated that the citizens support the Police Unions. He noted that under the impeccable leadership of Chief Aguiler, the Police Department was doing well. He also spoke in support of the DPW and the Inspectional Services Department and encouraged the city to hire more inspectors. He commended the Public Schools and the leadership of Superintendent Ralph Carrero. He praised the Lawrence Teachers and their Union. He thanked the Veterans and encouraged the city to hire two new employees in veteran services. He encouraged them to activate the council on aging, and to pay the long-term employees as much as the new hires. He also spoke in support of Fire Chief Delaney who is doing the best job. “Lawrence Always Strong, Always United.”

Richard Russell, 34 Cross Street. Former City Councilor Richard Russell expressed concern about the hiring of parking lot attendants and the hiring of employees without proper postings.

Old Business:

DOC # 003/26

Authorization to Purchase of Airplane Hanger at Lawrence Municipal Airport – John Lavoie, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Superintendent of Schools

The Council President noted that at the January 6th meeting the City Council had voted to allow discussion on this Document with the waiving of **Rule # 6**. However, the item was not declared to be an emergency and the Charter requires an item to be an emergency if it is going to have a final disposition on the night it is introduced. In that regard, the Council needed to ratify their vote from January 6th 2026.

Councilor Infante made a Motion to Declare DOC # 003/26 as an Emergency. Her Motion was seconded by Councilor Levy. This Motion PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

At the request of the Council President, the City Clerk read the Motion as previously Approved into the record again. Specifically, a “Motion for the City of Lawrence to purchase a hangar at the Lawrence Municipal Airport for \$975,000 on behalf of Greater Lawrence Technical School (GLTS), with the understanding that GLTS will repurchase the hangar from the City within five (5) months for \$975,000, plus any additional costs incurred by the City during the holding period. With three (3) caveats. (1) That the Council President is authorized to serve as a representative of the Council as needed during any negotiation period; (2) That the purchase is contingent upon a successful appraisal at or above the stated purchase price of \$975,000; and (3) that the purchase is contingent upon an affirmative vote of Approval by the Lawrence Airport Commission

Councilor Laplante, after being granted the floor, again expressed his concern with the rush to get this done. He stated that the date of the Airport Commission meeting was a week later than what he believed the Airport Manager said at their last meeting, and he the other 3 communities still had to vote on this item.

Hearing no further discussion on the Motion, the Council President asked the Clerk for a Roll Call vote on the item:

Councilor Marc Laplante [District F] – NO
Councilor Gregory Delrosario [District C] – Absent
Councilor Celina Reyes [Councilor at Large] – YES
Councilor Stephany Infante [District E] – YES
Councilor Vivian Marmol [District D] – YES
Councilor Franklin Miguel [District A] – YES
Councilor Rosaly Gonzalez [District B] – YES
Council Vice President, Ana Levy [Councilor at Large] – YES
Council President, Jeovanny Rodriguez [Councilor at Large] – YES

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MOTION TO RATIFY the APPROVAL

PASSED

As there was no other business before the Council, Councilor Infante made a Motion to Adjourn. Her Motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes. There was no discussion on the Motion and it PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.